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1. FERNANDO GUILLEN, CHIEF OF TRADE POLICY IN GOP FOREIGN MINISTRY WHO ATTENDED THE DCC AS NUMBER TWO PERUVIAN DELEGATE, NOTED TO EMBASSY OFFICERS THAT ALTHOUGH THE MOST ACTIVE AND BEST ORGANIZED OF ALL, THE ALGERIAN DELEGATION WAS NOT RESENTED BY THE OTHERS AND THAT NO ILL-WILL RESULTED FROM ITS MANEUVERS. HE ATTRIBUTED ALGERIAN SUCCESS AT THE DCC TO THE FACT THAT THE GOA HAS ESTABLISHED A FIRST-CLASS DIPLOMATIC SERVICE, WITH ADEQUATE SALARIES AND PREREQUISITES, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY WITH POLITICAL SUPPORT FROM WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT, SO THAT THE ALGERIAN DIPLOMATS NOT ONLY UNDERSTAND THE SUBSTANCE OF ISSUES, BUT ALSO KNOW THEY CAN TAKE SWEEPING INITIATIVES WITH EFFECT. BY CONTRAST, HE LAMENTED, THE PERUVIAN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE DOES NOT RECEIVE SUCH SUPPORT FROM THE GOP, LEAVING IT WITHOUT EITHER THE NECESSARY KNOWLEDGE OF MANY ISSUES OR THE COHESION REQUIRED TO BRING
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POTENTIAL PERUVIAN INITIATIVES TO FRUITION.

2. HE SAID THAT THE LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATIONS WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE ALGERIANS, WHO ACCEPTED VARIOUS LATIN DRAFTS WITHOUT DEMUR. NONETHELESS, HE ALSO SAID THAT SUCH WAS THE INFLUENCE OF THE ALGERIANS THAT THEY WERE ALWAYS "AUTOMATICALLY" INCLUDED IN EVERY WORKING GROUP SESSION SINCE, WITHOUT THEIR PRESENCE, NO CONSENSUS WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE. "IF YOU WANTED TO HAVE SOMETHING MOVE, YOU BETTER HAVE AN ALGERIAN," GUILLEN CONCLUDED.

3. COMMENT: GUILLEN'S VIEWS SHOULD BE INTERPRETED IN THE LIGHT OF HIS ADMIRATION FOR ALGERIAN POLICIES, AS WELL AS FOR THE ALGERIAN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE, SOME MEMBERS OF WHICH HE HAS KNOWN FOR YEARS AT GENEVA.
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